

Weekend of the Arts

The City of Winter Park kicks off its inaugural event celebrating the city's art and cultural programming that's available across multiple venues.

Winter Park will host its inaugural Weekend of the Arts on Friday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 19. The event, coordinated by the city's Arts & Culture subcommittee of the Public Art Advisory Board, will feature performances, exhibitions and events at more than 20 arts organizations throughout the city.

"We invite the Central Florida community and visitors from around the world to discover and rediscover arts and culture in Winter Park," says Winter Park Mayor Steve Leary. "We look forward to showcasing our numerous arts and culture organizations."

During the event, guests can enjoy art exhibitions at the Winter Park Library, Crealdé School of Art, Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art and Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens, to name a few. Music performances will include a

Stephen Tharp Organ Recital at Rollins College's Knowles Chapel, Music at Casa Feliz and A Night of Jazz with Chris Cortez at the Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts. Theatrical performances will include *Women of Lockerbie* at the Annie Russell Theatre and *Babes in Hollywood: The Music of Garland and Rooney* at The Winter Park Playhouse. These are just a few of the exciting events planned for the inaugural Weekend of the Arts.

For a complete schedule, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/visitors/arts-culture.

The mission of the Arts & Culture Subcommittee is to enhance and improve awareness and visibility of the nonprofit arts and culture organizations which offer programming to the public within the City of Winter Park limits. Be inspired as you rediscover arts and culture in Winter Park! #WPinspires



Universal Orlando Foundation Awards Grant for STEM Initiative

Orlando Science Center (OSC) and the Zebra Coalition have received a \$75,000 grant from Universal Orlando Foundation to develop and launch Catalyst—a mentoring and professional development initiative to inspire and engage all youth, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, to develop job readiness skills and pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) careers.

Launched in August 2017, Catalyst provides six-week internships while also leveraging the Zebra Coalition's network to recruit participants from local school-sponsored Gay Straight Alliance affiliates and provide critical input on how to best design experiences for the intended participants. The initiative also connects participating youth with the greater Orlando community in a variety of ways, such as participating in the Come Out With



Catalyst members participated in the Come Out With Pride! 2017 parade.

Pride! parade and inviting members from the Zebra Coalition youth leadership program to participate on the program advisory committee.

To learn more, visit osc.org/catalyst-launch.